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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH ASEAN GROUP ON MTN IN SINGAPORE

REF: (A) GENEVA 03820, (B) KUALA LUMPUR 2094

1. WE STRONGLY ENDORSE KUALA LUMPUR'S COMMENTS (REF B) AND FULLY AGREE THAT VISIT OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET WITH ASEAN OFFICIALS ON MTN ISSUES WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. ASIADE FROM THE ASEAN ASPECT OF SUCH A MEETING, THE DISCUSSIONS MIGHT STIBULATE FURTHER RESPONSIVENESS BY ASEAN MEMBERS TO OUR OFFERS AND REQUESTS IN THE MTN. ASSUMING THAT GOS WOULD INCLUDE OTHER ASEAN COUNTRY TRADE OFFICIALS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SINGAPORE DISCUSSIONS (A POINT WHICH IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR), JAKARTA-BASED GOI OFFICIALS WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH USG REPS.

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2. IF MEETING BETWEEN U.S. REPS AND ASEAN OFFICIALS DOES TAKE PLACE, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF THE OFFICER DEALING WITH GATT/TRADE POLICY ISSUES IN THIS EMBASSY COULD BE SENT TO SINGAPORE AS AN OBSERVER. IT WOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS OFFICER TO GET LATEST VIEW OF THE COMPLEX MTN ISSUES AND ALSO ENABLE HIM TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH

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